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FOREWORD

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To be a farmer in all that the term implies is an honor. To be selected by neighbors for nomination as a Master of the profession indicates the high regard in which the community holds the nominee. To be further selected from this elite group and declared as a Master Farm Family is a goal worthy of any family engaged in this ancient and honorable profession.

There is no honor but carries a corresponding responsibility and that of the Master Farm Family — as indeed of any farm family — is to maintain these high traditions of Good Farming, Right Living, Clear Thinking. Good farmers, good neighbors, good citizens — these are the people who are a strength to the profession and the nation.

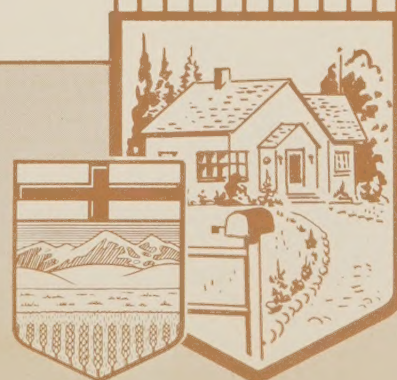
I am happy to congratulate those who have achieved this distinction. I hope that this policy will continue, by saying "well done", to encourage many more to strive for excellence.

D. A. URE
Minister of Agriculture.



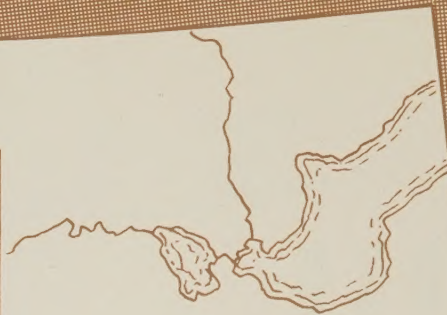
THE FIRST FARMER WAS THE FIRST MAN, AND ALL HISTORIC
NOBILITY RESTS ON POSSESSION AND USE OF LAND.

—EMERSON.





FLOYD GILKYSON FAMILY — LA GLACE



ALBERTA



JOHN G. POROZNI FAMILY — WILLINGDON



J. W. HOSFORD FAMILY — S. EDMONTON

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VICTOR WATSON FAMILY — AIRDRIE



MASTER FARM FAMILIES 1951

West Central Region

AN IRISH FARMER who started out at South Edmonton 33 years ago with four scrub cattle and a quarter section of land is today one of Alberta's finest dairymen. He is John Wesley Hosford, head of the 1951 Master Farm Family for West Central Alberta.

From a modest beginning in 1919, Mr. Hosford has built up a herd of 100 registered Holstein cattle and his 800-acre farm is one of the most modern in the area. Members of the Hosford family are leaders in the district, and excellent methods of management, both in home and field, provide inspiration for any rural family.

The Hosford family is made up of six members — Mr. and Mrs. Hosford; three daughters, Mrs. H. Herlity, Violet and Patricia; and one son, William.

The eldest is Doreen (Mrs. H. Herlity) who is 32. She is employed at the University of Chicago as a private secretary. Violet is 30, and is employed as a cashier in Vancouver. The remaining two children, William 27, and Patricia 20, live at home.

William is in partnership with his father and lives with his wife and year-and-a-half-old daughter in a separate house on the farm.

Among the organizations of which Mr. Hosford is a member are the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, Edmonton Exhibition Board, Salisbury Light and Power Co-operative Ltd. He is a Junior Calf Club director, and judge of Holstein cattle. Mrs. Hosford is a member of Northern Alberta Old Timers' Association, Alberta Dairymen's Association — Women's Section, Salisbury United Church W.A., and Women's Missionary Society.

Their farmstead is an orderly arrangement of buildings with well landscaped lawns and fruit trees around the modern stucco house. Mr. Hosford has his own farm office in his home and keeps complete records of all financial dealings and farm business.



MR. AND MRS. J. W. HOSFORD
SOUTH EDMONTON

AND I WILL SEND GRASS IN THY FIELDS FOR THY
CATTLE THAT THOU MAYEST EAT AND BE FULL.

—Deuteronomy, XI:15.



MASTER FARM FAMILIES 1951

South Region

WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH, the 5,300-acre farm and ranch layout of Victor Watson located five miles west of Airdrie, is a prime example of the gratifying results of the co-operative family unit.

The Watson's who were the 1951 Master Farm Family for Southern Alberta, operate their farm on the big business scale and employ a farm manager and about 10 men. Included in the family are Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their two children, Allan and Ruth.

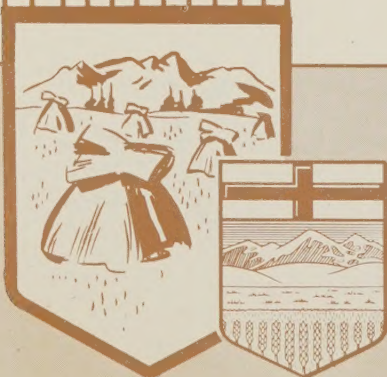
Mr. Watson and Allan attend to the outside work, while Mrs. Watson keeps a detailed set of books. Mrs. Watson's active interest in the farming operations has added a good share of the drive to the Watson farming team.

Mr. Watson is one of the Province's leading registered seed growers, specializing in Thatcher wheat, Victory and Larain oats, Ollie barley and forages. The quality of the seed can be judged by the numerous awards it has taken throughout Canada. Mr. Watson and Allan work together on livestock experiments and both have won prizes for their showings. Livestock at the ranch includes an accredited herd of purebred Hereford cattle, ribbon-winning hogs and sheep, and five purebred Palomino ponies.

Besides their busy rounds of farming and their happy home life, the Watsons participate in many community projects. Mr. Watson is a member of the Alberta Hereford Breeders, Airdrie Telephone Company, West Airdrie Rural Electrification Co., Alberta Sheep Breeders, Alberta Palomino Association, Alberta Branch of Canadian Seed Growers' Association, and Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. Mrs. Watson, a former school teacher, is president of the Airdrie Home and School Association.



MR. AND MRS. VICTOR WATSON
AIRDRIE



East Central Region

WHEN John G. Porozni of Willingdon took over his father's farm in 1928 he inherited three things — a quarter section of land, a 14 by 18-foot log cabin, and a \$2,000 mortgage.

Today the quarter section has grown to one and a half sections of farmland, the log cabin has been replaced by a modern seven-room house, and the mortgage is just a memory. Modern farming methods, a close study of market conditions, and a genuine love for the land combined to raise the family to the enviable position of Master Farm Family for 1951.

The Poroznis are mixed farmers. Use of weed sprays, fertilizers and modern machinery have enabled them to produce top yields of wheat, oats and barley, while scientific breeding has produced good herds of Hereford cattle and Yorkshire hogs.

There are seven members in the Porozni family — Mr. and Mrs. Porozni and five children. The eldest is Nicholas, who is 24, while Willis is 23, George 20, Robert 12 and Betty is six years old.

Willis has chosen farming as his profession, while Nicholas is a telegrapher and George is a student of economics and political science. Robert is attending school but plans to be a farmer like his father. Betty, the youngest, helps her mother with household and farmyard chores.

The Poroznis have made a close study of agriculture and investigate any new machines or sprays on the market. In 1950, they made a special trip through Ontario and 11 American states to study farms and experimental stations of different areas.

Mr. Porozni is a member of Willingdon Agricultural Society, Willingdon Junior Beef Club, Willingdon Telephone Mutual, Seed Cleaning Plant Committee, F.U.A., Andrew-Willingdon Feeders' Association, and has served on the Agricultural Service Board. Mrs. Porozni belongs to Willingdon Agricultural Society, F.W.U.A., Home and School Association and Ladies' Church Club.

The Poroznis have 800 acres under cultivation and their 1951 crop yielded 38 bushels to the acre of wheat, 65 bushels of barley and 75 bushels of oats. They also have about 56 head of Hereford cattle purchased from all parts of Alberta. In addition to the cattle, livestock consists of about 45 Yorkshire hogs and 200 Leghorn chickens.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN POROZNI
WILLINGDON

GRASS IS THE FORGIVENESS OF NATURE — HER
CONSTANT BENEDICTION . . . FORESTS DECAY, HARVESTS
PERISH, FLOWERS VANISH, BUT GRASS IS IMMORTAL.

—JOHN J. INGALLS.



MASTER FARM FAMILIES 1951

Peace River Region

FARMING to the Gilkyson Master Farm Family of La Glace, is a way of life, which, when lived to the fullest, brings the maximum in satisfaction and contentment.

Building a farm in 20 years with little more capital than a goodly supply of ambition and energy is a creditable achievement; to create such a fine farm as the Gilkyson's Odin Stock Farm in such a short period is an epic conquest.

The Gilkyson's, the Peace River's Master Farm Family for 1951, are modest over their triumph over the adversities of nature and economics. Working together is their simple credo for success. Mr. and Mrs. Gilkyson and their sons, Donald, 18, Gordon 15 and Raymond 7, practise co-operation at home, in their fields and in their community.

In 1930, when Floyd Gilkyson started farming on his quarter-section, his first crop was eight acres. Only 18 acres of the land were then broken. In 1951, the Odin Stock Farm included 2,088 acres and 1,160 acres were under cultivation, 700 in grain, 60 seeded to grass and 400 in summer fallow.

The Gilkysons raise Herefords, with the herd running as high as 200 head in some years. Approximately 700 acres of Ajax oats and 100 acres of Saunders wheat are seeded annually. As a diversion, the family keeps a herd of 15 frisky Shetland ponies which star in fairs throughout the Peace River district.

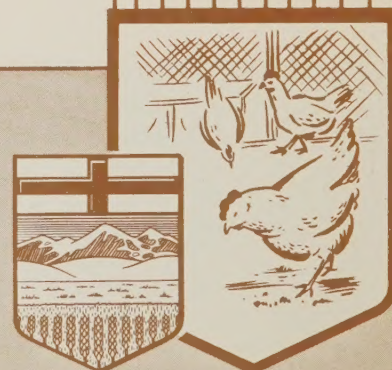
Mr. Gilkyson has been active in community and agricultural organizations but has to lighten his load of responsibilities on his doctor's advice. He is a director of the county agricultural society; a member of the advisory committee of the Beaverlodge Calf Club; a member of the La Glace Board of Trade and a member of the Alberta Fish and Game Association.

He served on the Odin School District Board when the school was situated on his property and was a councillor and later reeve of the Municipal District of Grande Prairie from 1948 to 1950, at which time the County of Grande Prairie was formed.

His wife serves on the program committee of the Home and School Association, attends occasional Board of Trade meetings at La Glace and does Ladies' Aid Work.



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD GILKYSON
LA GLACE



...In their homes



THE WATSON KITCHEN



THE HOSFORD KITCHEN



THE GILKYSON KITCHEN



THE POROZNI KITCHEN

FARMERS ARE THE FOUNDERS OF CIVILIZATION.

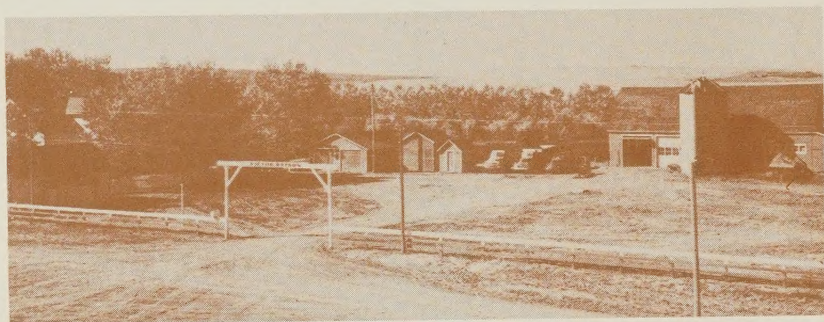
—WEBSTER.



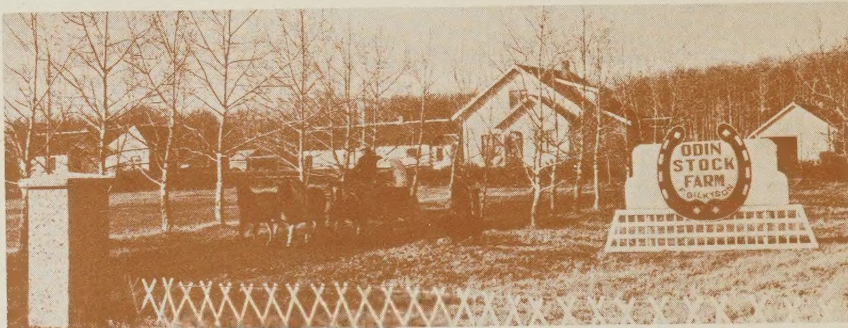
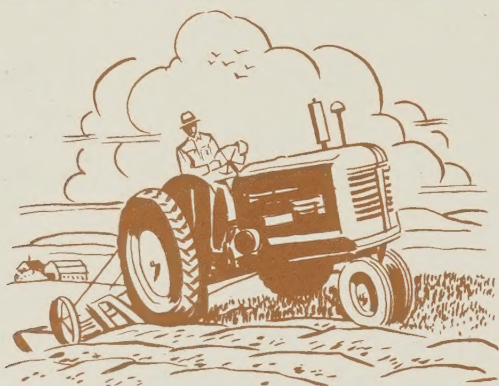
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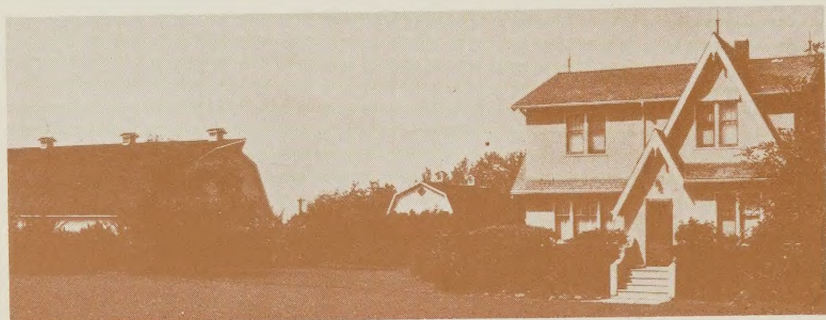
THE POROZNI FARM



THE WATSON FARM



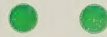
THE GILKYSON FARM



THE HOSFORD FARM



MASTER FARM FAMILIES



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- J. G. DUSSEAUT FARM - - - - - VIMY
- W. J. EDGAR FARM - - - - - INNISFAIL
- L. R. JENSEN FARM - - - - - MAGRATH
- J. E. MELENKA FARM - - - - - WARWICK
- JOSEPH PAQUETTE FARM - - - DONNELLY



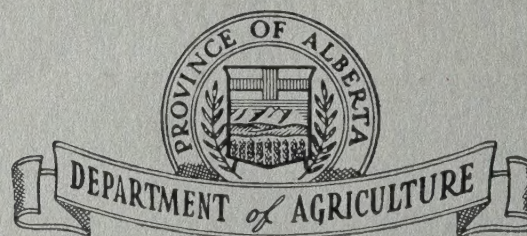
1950

- ROY BALLHORN FARM - - - WETASKIWIN
- EMILE CAMMAERT FARM - ROCKYFORD
- C. J. KALLAL FARM - - - - - TOFIELD
- FRED LABRECQUE FARM - SPIRIT RIVER
- E. S. PARSON FARM - - - - - BOYLE



THE MASTER FARM FAMILY
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SEEKS TO SELECT AND HONOR
FARM FAMILIES WHO HAVE MADE
AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF
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CITIZENSHIP.



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